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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** identifying insertions and ~~deletions~~.

Please replace the "**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**" section at page 4, with the following section:

FIG. 1 illustrates an example of a package including a pair of friendship objects, according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 2A illustrates an example of a friendship object having a connecting mechanism oriented along ~~in~~ its vertical axis, according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 2B illustrates an example of a friendship object having a connecting mechanism oriented along ~~in~~ its horizontal axis, according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 3 illustrates an example of a plurality of friendship objects linked together, according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 4 illustrates an example of a friendship object including a personalized message, according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIGS. 5A-5B illustrate exemplary side and front views, respectively, of two friendship objects linked together, according to an embodiment of the invention.

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**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3 (first full paragraph)<sup>1</sup>, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

One aspect of the invention relates to at least a pair of (or more) friendship objects that may be created, packaged and/or sold together. Preferably, one person may keep one of the friendship objects and give a second friendship object to a second person. As illustrated in FIG. 1, a package 100 may include at least a pair of friendship objects (102, 104). Each of the friendship objects (102, 104) may be substantially identical or complimentary. Each friendship object (102, 104) may include one or more connecting mechanisms, generally designated 106. According to one embodiment, the connecting mechanism may include a first connection component 106a and a second connection component 106b. The connecting mechanism (and/or connection components) may be used to connect together or link multiple friendship objects, so that multiple friends can share and link together multiple friendship objects. In one embodiment (not shown), the connecting mechanism may include a jewelry clasp. For example, a first connection component 106a of a first object may be a substantially solid ring (or other shape) and a second connection component 106b may include a latch that can be opened, connected to the first connection component of second friendship object, and closed. In another embodiment, the connecting mechanism 106 may include a hook and loop fastener material (e.g., Velcro<sup>TM</sup>), as illustrated in, for example, FIGS. 5A-5B. Any suitable connecting mechanism may be used such that the objects are linked together.

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<sup>1</sup> This paragraph was previously amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed March 24, 2004.